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II. GENERAL EVALUATION (CONTINUED)

B. EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

17. THE EXPERIENCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN NATIONAL PLANNING
HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING. THEIR PLANNING MECHANISMS ARE
STRENGTHENING WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, AND IN SOME CASES THEIR
INFLUENCE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DECISIONS HAS
INCREASED. THE SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS
REFLECT CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS BOTH IN TECHNIQUES OF PLAN
FORMULATION AND PROCEDURES FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. A NUMBER OF
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CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PLANS ALSO INDICATE A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE
NEED TO PURSUE, IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES, PATTERNS
OF DEVELOPMENT IN WHICH THE EXPANSION AND STRUCTURE OF PRODUCTION
ARE ATTUNED TO RESOLVING SUCH PROBLEMS AS MASS POVERTY

AND UNEMPLOYMENT. MUCH, HOWEVER, STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE IN THIS REGARD.

18. INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES COVERING A WIDE SPECTRUM OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WITH RESPECT TO NATURAL RESOURCES, INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN RECENT YEARS TO ACHIEVE MORE EFFICIENT RESOURCE UTILIZATION AND GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. IN SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NATIONALIZATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE WITH FOREIGN ENTERPRISES AND MODIFICATION OF CONCESSIONS AND REGIMES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING AND TRANSPORT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL MEANS EMPLOYED IN ORDER TO EFFECT SUCH CHANGES. CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON LAND REFORMS IN RECENT YEARS, THOUGH THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IN THIS REGARD HAS NOT BEEN VERY IMPRESSIVE SO FAR. THE NEED FOR RENEWED ATTENTION TO LAND REFORMS THAT ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED REMAINS GREAT. OTHER CHANGES IN TRADITIONAL STRUCTURES OF INSTITUTIONS THAT HELP TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT ARE ALSO NECESSARY IN ORDER TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO SOCIAL PROGRESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IS THE NEED TO ELIMINATE THE SUBSTANTIAL UNDER-UTILIZATION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND TO ORIENT THE PATTERN OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION TOWARDS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH EMPLOYMENT AND MASS CONSUMPTION. THE BENEFICIAL ROLE THAT A SUITABLY DESIGNED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY CAN PLAY HAS NOT, AS YET, BEEN FULLY EXPLORED IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

19. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE ADOPTED A WIDE ARRAY OF MEASURES AIMED AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR HUMAN RESOURCES. MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE DEFINED THEIR DEMOGRAPHIC POLICIES: WHILE SOME CONSIDER A RAPID POPULATION GROWTH DESIRABLE FOR ATTAINING THEIR DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES, OTHERS RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A REDUCTION THE RATE OF POPULATION INCREASE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. IN SOME COUNTRIES, SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN BIRTH RATES HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THE CAPACITY TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE PROGRAMMES FOR MAKING AVAILABLE MEANS OF FAMILY PLANNING REMAINS LIMITED IN
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THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH REQUIRE THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR DEMOGRAPHIC POLICIES. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS TOWARDS SPREADING THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, ESPECIALLY THROUGH EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES, LOW-COST HOUSING FOR THE POORER SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. IN PARTICULAR, THE EFFORTS TO ORIENT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED.

20. THE MEASURES EMPLOYED IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MOBILIZE DOMESTIC FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT HAVE CONTINUED TO BE ENLARGED. EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF TAX SYSTEMS AND RELATED MEASURES HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS,

BUT STILL MORE VIGOROUS ACTION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RAISE THE SAVING RATIO AT A FASTER RATE. AS MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON EXPORTS THE PACE OF EXPANSION OF EXPORTS CONTINUES TO EXERCISE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE SAVING RATIO.

21. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE MADE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE TRADE AMONG THEMSELVES AND TO ESTABLISH OR STRENGTHEN REGIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL OR INTERREGIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND INTEGRATION. THE RESULTS HAVE IN SOME CASES FALLEN SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS, AND THE NEED FOR PERSEVERANCE AND FOR DEVISING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS REMAINS UNDIMINISHED.

22. THE ECONOMIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GENERALLY REMAIN HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO EXTERNAL CONDITIONS AND, THEREFORE, TO THE POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THUS, THE SUCCESS OF BOLD AND FAR-REACHING EFFORTS BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACCELERATE THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IS STILL CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FAVOURABLE EXTERNAL FACTORS. IN MANY CASES, UNFAVOURABLE TERMS OF TRADE, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INADQUATE DEVELOPMENT FINANCING HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ACCELERATED PROGRESS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS THEREFORE NOT ONLY PERTINENT BUT ALSO CRUCIAL.

C. PERFORMANCE BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
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23. EVEN AFTER NEARLY THREE YEARS SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE NOT AS YET INTRODUCED MAJOR POLICY CHANGES IN ITS SUPPORT. SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED A WELCOME SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STRATEGY, BUT MOST HAVE ACCORDED A LOW PRIORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THERE IS A DANGER THAT, OWING TO THE PRE-OCCUPATION OF MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH THE READJUSTMENT OF THEIR OWN MUTUAL RELATIONS, THE URGENT NEED FOR IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY MEASURES EMBODIED IN THE STRATEGY WILL BE DISREGARDED.

24. WHILE SOME PROGRESS HAS MADE IN DESIGNING PRACTICAL MEASURES TO EXPAND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THEIR IMPLEMENTATION HAS REMAINED UNSATISFACTORY, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

(A) THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REACHED NO AGREEMENT ON A SET OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON A PRICING POLICY AND ACCESS TO MARKETS FOR COMMODITIES BY THE DATE SET IN THE STRATEGY.

(B) THE SOLE NEW ACHIEVEMENT WITH REGARD TO PRIMARY COMMODITIES WAS THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT, THE PRE-

PARATION OF WHICH EXTENDED OVER MORE THAN 16 YEARS AND WHICH
HAS NOT YET BEEN RATIFIED BY ALL MAJOR IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

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SEVERAL PRIMARY COMMODITIES OF INTEREST TO A LARGE NUMBER OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STILL SUFFER FROM A LACK OF ACCESS
TO EXTERNAL MARKETS AND OF AN ADEQUATE AND BROADLY-BASED NON-
DISCRIMINATORY PRICING POLICY BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. DESPITE
THE CURRENT SERIES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS,
PRACTICAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF EXPORTS
FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF NATURAL MATERIALS FACING COMPETITION
FROM SYNTHETICS HAVE SO FAR BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED.

(C) ALTHOUGH THE ARRANGEMENTS INTRODUCED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
WITHIN THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES REPRESENT A BREAK-
THROUGH IN THE TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE
AND CO-OPERATION, THEIR BENEFIT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS SO
FAR BEEN OF A MODEST NATURE, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THIS IS DUE INTER ALIA, TO THE GENERAL
NON-INCLUSION OF ITEMS FALLING WITHIN CHAPTERS 1 TO 24 OF THE
BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE, THE EXCLUSION OF A NUMBER OF ITEMS
IN CHAPTERS 25 TO 99 AND ALSO THE INTRODUCTION IN THESE
SCHEMES OF SAFEGUARD CLAUSES, CEILINGS AND OTHER NON-TARIFF
BARRIERS AND CLAUSES. MOREOVER, NOT ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
HAVE AS YET IMPLEMENTED THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.
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EVEN THE MODEST BENEFITS ACCRUING TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM

THIS SYSTEM ARE IN DANGER OF BEING ERODED BOTH BY PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND BY THE PROSPECTS OF REDUCTIONS IN TRADE BARRIERS AMONG THEM FOLLOING THE FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE STATED INTENTION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE "TO SECURE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" MUST BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

(D) THE PROVISIONS OF THE STRATEGY TO MAINTAIN A STANDSTILL, INCLUDING ORDINARILY A STANDSTILL IN RELATION TO MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS, HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH BY SEVERAL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THOUGH SOME QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN RELAXED OR REMOVED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS BY CERTAIN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE GENERAL TREND IS TOWARDS AN INTENSIFICATION OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE. THE CASE OF TEXTILES PROVIDES A PARTICULARLY NOTABLE EXAMPLE OF SUCH BARRIERS.

(E) THE VALUE OF TRADE OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCREASED IN THE OPENING YEAR OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE THOUGH AT A SLOWER RATE THAN THAT EXPERIENCED IN THE PRECEDING TWO YEARS. WHILE THE SHARE OF MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES IN THE IMPORTS OF THESE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FROM THE DEVELOPING WORLD IS AS YET SMALL, AN ENCOURAGING INCREASE IS TAKING PLACE. SIMILARLY, THE NUMBER OF THEIR TRADING PARTNERS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS INCREASING. WHILE NEW TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO, IMPROVEMENTS TO BRING ABOUT GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND MULTILATERALIZATION OF PAYMENTS WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED ARE BEING SOUGHT.

(F) ON THE WHOLE, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE MADE SLOW, LIMITED AND DISAPPOINTING PROGRESS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISION IN THE STRATEGY THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THROUGH JOINT OR UNILATERAL ACTION, WILL ACCORD PRIORITY TO REDUCING OR ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO THE EXPORT TRADE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

25. THE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY'S KEY TARGETS FOR THE TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS BEEN
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DISAPPOINTING. THE FULFILMENT OF THESE TARGETS, WITHIN THE TIME-LIMITS SPECIFIED, IS CRUCIAL TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY. WHILE SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE ENLARGED THEIR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, THE OVER-ALL EFFORT HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES HAS REMAINED FAR FROM COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(A) THE NET AGGREGATE TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FROM THE DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMIES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS A

PROPORTION OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OF THESE ECONOMIES, ROSE FROM 0.70 PERCENT IN 1970 TO 0.74 PERCENT IN 1971, BUT REMAINED WELL BELOW NOT ONLY THE TARGET OF 1 PERCENT BUT ALSO THE LEVEL REACHED 10 YEARS EARLIER-NAMELY, 0.86 PERCENT. OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO BE CONCESSIONAL AND IS IN THE VIEW OF MOST COUNTRIES THE CRITICAL COMPONENT TO THE NET TRANSFER, ROSE ONLY NOMINALLY FROM 0.33 PERCENT IN 1970 TO 0.34 PERCENT IN 1971-AS AGAINST THE LEVEL OF 0.50 PERCENT REACHED IN 1961-WHILE THE TARGET FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE IS 0.70 PERCENT. UNLESS CURRENT TRENDS ARE REVERSED, NEITHER OF THESE TARGETS IS LIKELY TO BE REACHED ON THE DATES ENVISAGED IN THE STRATEGY; THESE TRENDS POINT TO PARTICULARLY DISCOURAGING PROSPECTS IN REGARD TO THE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TARGET. THE PROPORTION OF GRANTS IN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE DECLINED SLIGHTLY FROM 1970 TO 1971, AND ON AVERAGE DEVELOPMENT LOANS WERE ON SLIGHTLY HARDER TERMS IN 1971 THAN IN 1970. ALTHOUGH SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN STEPS TOWARDS UNTYING, ON THE WHOLE THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL OF UNTIED LOANS.

(B) THE COMMITMENTS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE TO TRANSFER FINANCIAL RESOURCES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, ALTHOUGH THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY DISBURSED ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS IS NOT KNOWN. IN GENERAL, THESE TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ON SOFT TERMS. HOWEVER, THE TRANSFERS FROM THESE SOCIALIST ECONOMIES HAVE SO FAR REMAINED CONCENTRATED IN A FEW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(C) IN THE FACE OF, PARTICULARLY, A LEVEL OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WELL BELOW THEIR REQUIREMENTS, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE HAD INCREASINGLY TO RESORT TO COMMERCIAL LOANS AT HIGHER COSTS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE BURDEN OF EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ABSORBED ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS IN 1971; THE DEBT-SERVICING PROBLEM OF SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES WAS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS. THIS SITUATION WILL CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE AND THE RATIO WILL RISE RAPIDLY UNLESS COUNTER MEASURES ARE URGENTLY TAKEN.

26. THE ATTAINMENT OF THE STRATEGY OBJECTIVES RELATING TO THE EARNINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM INVISIBLE TRADE CONTINUES TO ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN RELATION TO GENERAL CARGO SHIPPING, THE OVERALL SHARE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WORLD SHIPPING TONNAGE DECLINED FROM 6.3 PER CENT IN 1970 TO 5.5 PER CENT IN 1972. THERE WERE SHARP INCREASES IN 1971 IN THE FREIGHT RATES CHARGED BY LINER CONFERENCES; SUCH INCREASES HAVE AGGRAVATED THE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

27. WHILE STUDIES HAVE BEEN MADE OR INITIATED IN THE UNITED NATIONS THAT HAVE FURTHER IDENTIFIED THE RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES AFFECTING THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE CONCRETE RESULTS ENVISAGED IN THE STRATEGY HAVE SO FAR PROVED ELUSIVE. RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THESE COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO BE EXPERIENCED VIA SOME FOREIGN MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT AND CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS PRACTICES OF SOME TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ENTERPRISES OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

28. SOME SIGNIFICANT AND CONCRETE STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN IN DESIGNING AND ADOPTING MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THROUGH BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CHANNELS OF ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, AS YET, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEEDS OF THESE COUNTRIES.

29. ALTHOUGH PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED IN SOME CASES, MAINLY THROUGH COOPERATIVE ACTION WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, A COHERENT PROGRAMME TO OVERCOME THE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS NOT YET MATERIALIZED.

30. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE CONTINUED TO BE STUDIED IN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL FORUMS, BUT SIGNIFICANT NEW ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGY. IN A NUMBER OF CASES, PUBLIC TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY

HAVE BEEN MADE ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS. PRIVATE TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY GENERALLY CONTINUE TO FOLLOW TRADITIONAL MARKET PRACTICES; SUCH TRANSFERS HAVE OFTEN TAKEN PLACE ON TERMS THAT ARE NOT FAIR AND EQUITABLE, WITH ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

31. ADJUSTMENT MEASURES IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED IN A NUMBER OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. HOWEVER, MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE NOT AS YET ADOPTED MEASURES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO EASE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENTS IN INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO PROMOTE GREATER MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THEREBY A MORE RATIONAL INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR.

D. OVER-VIEW

32. THE GENERAL EVALUATION SET OUT IN PARAGRAPHS 11 TO 31 ABOVE SUGGEST THAT THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REMAINS MUCH MORE A WISH THAN A POLICY. HAS NOT YET TAKEN HOLD
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WITH ANYTHING LIKE THE FORCE NEEDED. GENERALLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THE RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLEMENTARITIES AMONG THE MAJOR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE QUALITATIVE AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE SOCIETY AS LAID DOWN IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY HAS NOT YET BEEN ADEQUATELY REFLECTED IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES. THIS INCLUDES, INTER ALIA, THE BUILDING INTO THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF EACH COUNTRY OF MEASURES FOR SPREADING THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FOR OVERCOMING THE UNDER-UTILIZATION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY AS WELL AS THE ORIENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE DISPLAYED A LACK OF IMPLEMENTATION OR LATE OR IMPERFECT EXECUTION BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE POLICY MEASURES EMBODIED IN THE STRATEGY. ONLY SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE SO FAR SHOWN AN ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STRATEGY. THE NET CONTRIBUTION OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS NOT YET SHOWN THE DEGREE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT ENVISAGED IN THE STRATEGY.

III. FURTHER ACTION

33. INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IS PART OF THE CONTINUING EFFORT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO ASSIST IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE CONTEXT OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD SITUATION. SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGY, SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SCENE WHICH HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY MEASURES.

SURES EMBODIED IN THE STRATEGY. THE DISCOURAGING EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE DECADE MAKES IT URGENT NOT ONLY TO IMPLEMENT THE EXISTING TARGETS AND POLICY MEASURES OF THE STRATEGY, BUT ALSO UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION BY DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS FIELDS. THUS, EXISTING MEASURES, SHOULD BE ADAPTED AND NEW ONES FORMULATED TO OFFSET THE SHORT-FALLS IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY, AND TO KEEP IT RESPONSIVE TO EMERGING CONDITIONS. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY MEASURES AGREED UPON BUT ALSO TO SEEK NEW AREAS OF AGREEMENT,

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